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# Congress of the United States

## Committee on Foreign Affairs

House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Admiral Bobby R. Inman  
Deputy Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral:

You are invited to testify at a closed briefing of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Agency's role in U.S. international narcotics control policy. The briefing is scheduled for 3:00 PM, April 22, 1982 in Room 2172 of the Rayburn House Office Building. This briefing is a component of a series of hearings conducted by the Committee to examine the policies, procedures and activities of the U.S. Government in its efforts to stem the flow of illicit narcotics into this country.

In general, the briefing should provide the Committee with information on current activities of the Agency involving international narcotics control and the level of priority attached to these activities. The Committee is interested in exploring ways to improve intelligence concerning field production estimates. The Committee also welcomes any other recommendations and comments you may wish to offer.

Because of the classified nature of the material, attendance at the briefing will be confined to Members, Committee staff and representatives of INM, DEA and Customs who hold the requisite clearances. This procedure has been discussed with your Congressional Liaison office.

If additional information or discussion is required, your staff should contact Jim Schollaert (225-2752) or Ed Palmer (225-0842) of the Committee staff.

I look forward to your participation in an informative and productive briefing.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Clement J. Zablocki*  
Chairman

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## Committee on Foreign Affairs

### PURPOSE

This study will examine why U.S. efforts to interdict the increasing flow of drugs into the U.S. are having little success, and what the Congress and the rest of the U.S. Government can do about it.

### SCOPE

Following would be the principal topics and questions to be examined by the study.

Organization. Who is doing what with regard to our international narcotics control policy? Is there a mechanism to ensure sufficient high level attention within the White House, the State Department and our Embassies abroad? Have responsibilities been handed out in a clear and logical fashion to the appropriate agency or official, with sufficient resources and know-how to get the job done? Are the agencies cooperating fully and sharing all necessary information and resources with one another, in particular with regard to intelligence gathering?

Policy. Does the United States have a clear and coherent foreign policy strategy on international narcotics control? What has the Reagan Administration enunciated on this subject thus far? Is the keystone of our policy still crop eradication at the source? To what extent if any is it necessary to couple crop eradication with income substitution programs? Should the funds for such programs be channeled through AID or some other entity? What factors impair U.S. credibility with foreign governments concerning eradication such as the Percy Amendment, failure to eradicate domestically, etc? Are the complicated circumstances in all source countries such that cost-effective eradication efforts are not possible? Where is crop eradication feasible, if anywhere, and why? Does our policy give a different priority to heroin, cocaine, marijuana, licit drugs, chemicals? Should the Congress give any new policy directives to the executive branch on narcotics matters?

Priority and Resources. What is the real priority of international narcotics control in the White House, the State Department and our embassies abroad? Is it adequate to ensure the reasonable success of our policy and strategy? How receptive are the regional bureaus and the Secretary's Office at State to narcotics considerations? How receptive are U.S. Ambassadors and country teams? Is there any way to improve the situation? Is the U.S. international narcotics control program adequately funded? Is the U.S. throwing money at a problem and not getting adequate results? What are adequate results? Is the international side of narcotics control getting its fair share of all narcotics control funds?